# *Executive Proclamation*
# *State of South Dakota*
# *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, The state of South Dakota is the home of Emma (Granny) Rauch, and we are richer because Emma lives among us; and,

***Whereas***, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

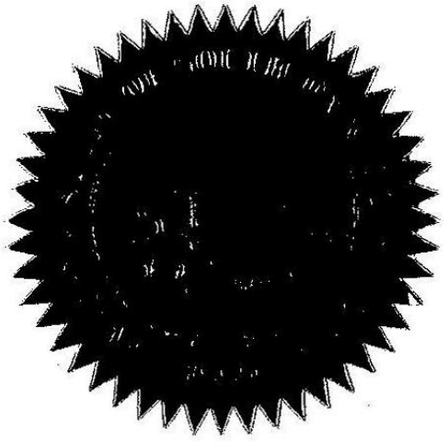
***Whereas***, Emma was born March 5, 1904; and,

***Whereas***, Emma resides in Avon, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2004, as

*EMMA RAUCH DAY*

in South Dakota.



***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State